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days, long overcome by the Spanish troops, they dispersed on the 24th August. Lopez, their leader, was captured some days after, and executed on the first September; many of his remaining followers were killed, or died of hunger and fatigue, and the rest were made prisoners. Of these, none appeared to have been tried or executed; several of these were pardoned, upon application of their friends and others, and the rest, about 160 in number, were sent to Spain. Of the final disposition of them, we have no official information.

have not followed the lead of other nations—they have taken the lead themselves, and have been followed by others. This was admitted by one of the most eminent of modern British Statesmen, who said in Parliament, whilst a Minister of the Crown, that if he wished for a guide in a system of neutrality, he should take that laid down by America in the days of Washington and the Secretaryship of Jefferson, and we see, in fact, that the act of Congress of 1818 was followed the succeeding year by an act of the parliament of England substantially the same in its general provisions. Up

and visits every clime; and our Ministers and consuls are appointed to protect that commerce, as well as to guard the peace of the country and maintain the honor of its flag. But how can they discharge those duties unless they be themselves protected, and if they be protected by the laws of the country in which they reside, then what is due to our own public functionaries residing in foreign nations, is exactly the measure of what is due to the functionaries of other governments residing here.—As in war the bearers of flags of truce are sacred, or else would be inter-

It is earnestly to be hoped that the difficulties, which have for a time been pending between the Government of the French Republic and that of the Sandwich Islands, may be peaceably and durably adjusted, so as to secure the independence of these Islands. Long before the events which have of late imparted so much importance to the possessions of the United States on the Pacific, we acknowledge the independence of the Hawaiian Government. This Government

It is understood that a considerable part of the rail road across the Isthmus of Panama, has been completed, so that the mail and passengers will in future be conveyed thereon. Whichever of the several route between the two oceans may ultimately prove most eligible for travelers to and from the different States on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico and our coast on the Pacific, there is little reason to doubt that all of them will be useful to the public, and will liberally reward that individual enterprise by which alone they have been, or are expected to be, carried into effect.

About one half the value of our exports of breadstuffs and provisions, which it was supposed the incentive of a low tariff and large importations from abroad would have greatly augmented has fallen from \$68,701,921 in 1847, to \$28,254,878 in 1850, and to \$21,249,653 in 1851, with a strong probability, amounting almost to a certainty, of a still further reduction in the current year.

The aggregate value of rice exported during the last fiscal year, as compared with the previous year, also exhibits a decrease, amounting to \$450,917, which, with a decline in the value of the exports

The State of Texas, determined the classes of claims which in my judgment fall within the provisions of the act of Congress of the 9th of September, 1850. On being officially informed of the acceptance by Texas, of the proposition contained in the act referred to, I caused the stock to be prepared, and the five millions which are to be issued unconditionally, bearing an interest of five per cent. from the 1st day of January, 1851, have been for sometime delivered to the State of Texas. The authorities of Texas up to the present time, have not authorized any one to receive this stock,